

BOXING TOURNEYS AT BLISS TO BE HELD BETWEEN COMPANIES

Athletic Council Discusses Means Whereby Game May Be Improved In El Paso Military District; Better Pay Recommended For High Class Talent; More Rigid Rules For Future Field Day Meets.

ACTION of the athletic council of the El Paso military district, which indicates that vigorous action is to be taken by that body to prevent further development of the consumptive tendencies of the game at the fort.

Several of the changes recommended by the council, approved by Gen. James J. Hornbrook, commander, should do much to help the game but until the recommendations of the council regarding better pay for good boxers is put into effect there is no reason to believe that soldiers at Bliss and El Paso fans of the game will witness anything at all different from the boxing at Bliss as it is now.

The following extracts from the official record of the Bliss athletic council are self explanatory:

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Minutes of the Bliss athletic council of Fort Bliss, Tex., Feb. 12.

Organizations represented: Fifth Cavalry, motor group, mechanical No. 10, Seventh Cavalry, Seventh field signal battalion, Eighth engineers, Organizational, Ninth engineers, Second hospital, Ninth engineers, Second field artillery, post quartermaster.

Par. 2. The Bliss athletic council, after a long discussion, decided that the educational feature and value of high class boxing for the star boxers on both sides of the divide, the better the educational value for the novice student of boxing and the more the boxing.

Par. 3. It was moved and seconded that there be no prize awarded in Bliss in boxing, where there were no contests possible in the preliminary or semi-finals (this to not be).

BOXING:

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 5.—Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul middleweight, gave a boxing lesson for nine rounds last night and then stood toe to toe in the tenth and slugged until the final gong sounded. Bartfield had the better of the evening argument, but the fight was Gibbons by a wide margin.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 5.—Jack Wolfe, of Cleveland, center opponent of Felix Herman, of New Orleans, world's champion bantamweight boxer, in a 10 round contest here last night, according to a decision awarded by newspaper critics.

San Francisco, Cal., March 5.—Willie Meahan, of San Francisco, was a decision over Sam Langford, the Boston heavyweight, in a four round bout here last night. The men fought hard from the opening to the end, when Meahan stood toe to toe and slugging vigorously. Meahan scored in hard body blows.

St. Louis, Mo., March 5.—Pal Moore, Memphis bantamweight, was given the newspaper decision over Kid Beagan, of St. Louis, in an eight round bout at the coliseum last night.

Matty May Help McGraw's Giants

New York, March 5.—Christy Mathewson, former manager of the Cincinnati Nationals, held a conference here yesterday with John McGraw, vice president of the New York Nationals. It is believed that Mathewson, who received his discharge from the army last week, may return to the Giants as an assistant to manager McGraw.

Mathewson understands that he is still under reservation to the Cincinnati club and cannot sign with any other club until granted his release.

SMALL MEN OFTEN BEAT BIG MEN

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opponent, was away 54 pounds to John L. Sullivan in their memorable 20 round engagement at Chantilly, France, on March 16, 1895.

There was a witness that fight was forced to admit that John L.'s weight and strength played but a minor part in the fight over Sullivan's cleverness in avoiding the American's rushes off these supposed advantages of bulk and power. The bout was called a draw.

Curbett Gave Weight.

Jim Corbett, who never weighed more than 125 pounds when in fighting condition, conceded Sullivan 25 pounds in their famous New Orleans encounter on September 7, 1894.

Many experts pointed to the cleverness of Jim Corbett as the factor that enabled him to triumph over Sullivan. These same individuals were forced to offer an alibi on March 17, 1904, when Bob Fitzsimmons topped over Corbett at Carson City in the 14th round of their championship battle. In this engagement, Corbett, the champion, weighed his opponent 25 pounds. Fitzsimmons was announced at 154 pounds.

Jim Jeffries gave the spectators their first opportunity to see a fight to mark up a win for height and size over speed and aggressiveness. Jeff succeeded in taking the championship from Bob Fitzsimmons in San Francisco on May 21, 1910. The Australian fighter was out-fought by 55 pounds by Jeff.

Jeff beat Lighter Men.

Later Jeff had to be at his best to triumph over Jim Corbett and less heavy opponents. Jeff scored 40 pounds more than either of these fighters. It took him 22 rounds to beat "Gentleman" Jim at Carson City on May 21, 1904. When Jeff fought him almost to a standstill for 25 rounds. Three broken ribs sustained in the early rounds of the fight, handicapped the other contender. Many of these men must be beaten by the higher telephone system in the world is located at Santa, Bolivia, 12,000 feet above the sea level.

BENNY MAY TAKE RITCHEY AGAIN

Ex-Champ Will Probably Be Asked To Make Less Than 145 Pounds.

By T. S. ANDREWS.

The four round contest between champion Benny Leonard and ex-champion Willie Ritchie, at San Francisco, in which the California boy was given the shade by the newspaper writers, may result in another meeting between the two over a longer route. It was no exhibition affair, but a real slugging fight with both boys taking chances. There was not much difference in their weights, Ritchie scaling five pounds heavier than Leonard, they having agreed to catch weights.

The chances are that Benny will be asked to make less than 145 pounds (light heavy).

Par. 6. The official Fort Bliss weights for all classes hereafter (after Feb. 12) will be: bantam, 115; feather, 125; light, 135; welter, 145; middle, 155; light heavy, 175; heavy, 205; anything over 205 pounds a margin of three additional pounds will be permissible.

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Army Officer Takes the Place For Which Theodore Roosevelt Had Been Slated Had He Lived; Advisers of Board Include Governors, United States Senators, High Army Officials; To Uplift Boxing.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The army, navy and civilian board of boxing control, in a statement today announcing that Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood had accepted the presidency of the board, made known its aims and purposes.

The board was organized with the aim that eventually it would become the National Boxing Association in this country, controlling both amateur and professional branches of the sport. Gen. Wood fills the place that was to have been filled by the late Theodore Roosevelt.

Prominent Advisers.

In addition to the leadership of Gen. Wood, the organization will have as patrons and advisers many men prominent in army, navy and political life, including Henry T. Mayo, 14 major generals of the army, four rear admirals, Govs. Boyle, of Nevada, and Harding of Iowa, five United States senators and five college presidents. The advisory council is made up of 24 persons, including Miles Lindbergh, United States senator from Washington.

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